

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-16 without prejudice. Please add Claims 17-24. All presently pending claims are reproduced below.

17. (New) A band saw blade stabilizer for stabilizing a moving band saw blade of a band saw appliance, the stabilizer comprising:

- a) a single housing having a cut-out sized and configured to allow the moving band saw blade to pass therethrough;

- b) two laterally adjustable opposing guide structures disposed within the single housing, each of the guide structures being configured as cubes and present substantially flat opposing surfaces to each other, each of the guide structure having a respective adjustor engageable thereto to form a passage, the passage being in substantial alignment with the cut-out of the single housing and having a selectably variable passage width between the guide structures such that the moving band saw blade can pass within the passage, whereby the guide structures limit lateral motion of the moving band saw blade within the passage; and

c) an attachment mount for securing the guide structures to the band saw appliance above a work table of the appliance and through which the band saw blade travels.

18. (New) The stabilizer as claimed in Claim 17 wherein the attachment mount is selectively vertically adjustable for increasing and decreasing distance of the guide structures from the work table.

19. (New) The stabilizer as claimed in Claim 17 wherein at least one of the guide structures is provided with an adjustor for selective lateral movement of the at least one guide structure toward and away from the opposing guide structure for selective change of the passage width.

20. (New) The stabilizer as claimed in Claim 19 wherein each respective adjustor comprises an externally accessible hand operable set screw having a distal end disposed within a bore of a respective guide structure.

21. (New) A band saw appliance comprising:

- a) a work table;
- b) a continuous band saw blade operably movable vertically through a slot in the work table; and
- c) a band saw blade stabilizer for stabilizing the band saw blade during band saw blade operation, the stabilizer comprising:

i) a single housing having a cut-out sized and configured to allow the moving band saw blade to pass therethrough

ii) two laterally adjustable opposing guide structures disposed within the single housing, each of the guide structures being configured as cubes and present substantially flat opposing surfaces to each other, each of the guide structure having a respective adjustor engageable thereto to form a passage, the passage being in substantial alignment with the cut-out of the single housing and having a selectably variable passage width between the guide structures such that the moving band saw blade can pass within the passage, whereby the guide structures limit lateral motion of the moving band saw blade within the passage; and

iii) an attachment mount for securing the guide structures to the band saw appliance above a work table of said appliance and through which the band saw blade travels.

22. (New) The band saw appliance as claimed in Claim 21 wherein the attachment mount of the blade stabilizer thereof is selectively vertically adjustable for increasing and decreasing distance of the guide structures from the work table.

23. (New) The band saw appliance as claimed in Claim 21 wherein at least one of said guide structures of the blade stabilizer thereof is provided with an adjustor for selective lateral movement of the at least one guide structure toward and away from the opposing guide structure for selective change of the passage width.

24. (New) The band saw appliance as claimed in Claim 23 wherein each respective adjustor of the blade stabilizer thereof comprises an externally accessible hand operable set screw having a distal end disposed within a bore of a respective guide structure.